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INR H SHOULD SOVS PROPOSE LIMITATION ON NUMBER ALLIED TROOPS IN
WEST BERLIN, THEY WOULD BE DOING SO, WE BELIEVE, NOT FOR MILITARY
ADVANTAGE OR TO OBLIGATE ANY "ALLIED MILITARY THREAT" BUT IN
ORDER TO INSINUATE NEW AND PERHAPS CRIPPLING CONTROLS OVER
ALLIED ACCESS. THERE FOLLOW PERTINENT SECTIONS OF MEMORANDUM
TO ME FROM GEN HAMLETT:

"A. FROM STRICTLY OBJECTIVE MILITARY VIEWPOINT OUR GARRISONS
IN BERLIN ARE IN UNTENABLE POSITION, I.E., THEY ARE OUTPOSTS
TOO FAR REMOVED FROM FRONT LINE TO BE PROTECTED BY THE MAIN
FORCE. THEREFORE, IT FOLLOWS THAT SIZE OF THE GARRISON HAS
LITTLE BEARING ON OVER-ALL PICTURE IN A MILITARY SENSE.
SOVIETS ARE QUITE AWARE OF THIS. THEREFORE, THEIR INTERESTS
IN SIZE OF GARRISONS OR RATHER AN AGREEMENT ON SIZE OF GARRISON
CAN ONLY BE A POLITICAL GIMMICK TO PERMIT THEM TO INSTITUTE
FURTHER CONTROL MEASURES ON OUR ACCESS TO BERLIN.

"B. NO MATTER WHAT FIGURE IS AGREED UPON AS A LIMITATION,
RUSSIANS WOULD INSIST UPON CAREFUL BOOKKEEPING WITH RESPECT
TO MOVEMENT ALLIED MILITARY PERSONNEL IN AND OUT OF WEST
BERLIN.

"C. MEANING OF WORD "CONTROL" WITH RESPECT TO ACCESS TO BERLIN
HAS LONG BEEN SUBJECT OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN OURSELVES AND
SOVIETS. IN EVENT WE AGREE TO LIMITING FIGURES ON STRENGTH
OF OUR GARRISON, ARMAMENT, ETC., WE WOULD LAY OURSELVES OPEN
TO BEING FURTHER CHALLENGED WITH RESPECT TO MEANING OF WORD
CONTROL.

"D. WE HAVE NEVER

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"D. WE HAVE NEVER PERMITTED SOVIETS TO MAKE VISUAL INSPECTION OF INTERIOR OF OUR TRAINS OR VEHICLES ON AUTOBAHN. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE NEVER PERMITTED ANY TYPE OF CONTROL WITH RESPECT TO AIR CRAFT EXCEPT, OF COURSE, THE INFORMATION WE GIVE THEM AT AIR SAFETY CENTER. IF WE AGREE TO LIMITATIONS ON SIZE OF OUR GARRISON, WE CAN EXPECT NOT ONLY DEMANDS FOR INSPECTION OF INTERIOR OF OUR TRAINS AND VEHICLES, BUT ALSO ESTABLISHMENT OF STRICT CONTROL MEASURES OVER NUMBER OF PERSONS USING AIRCRAFT TO AND FROM BERLIN."

BERLINERS AWARE OF IMPLICATIONS INHERENT IN GARRISON LIMITATIONS (OURTEL 912 BONN, 1025 DEPT. 52 GENEVA) AND WESTERN AGREEMENT TO SUCH LIMITATIONS COULD BE EXPECTED PROFOUNDLY AFFECT BERLIN MORALE.

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